

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE

DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

ELAINE CHAO, SECRETARY OF LABOR,
United States Department of Labor

Plaintiff,

v.

LAURIAT'S, INCORPORATED RETIREMENT
PLAN & TRUST,

Respondent.

COMPLAINT FOR EQUITABLE RELIEF

CIVIL ACTION

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1. This cause of action arises under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), 29 U.S.C. § 1001, et seq., and is brought to enjoin acts and practices which violate the provisions of Title I of ERISA, and to obtain other appropriate equitable relief to redress violations and enforce the provisions of that Title pursuant to Section 502(a)(5).

JURISDICTION, PARTIES and VENUE

2. Jurisdiction over this action is conferred upon the Court by Section 502 (e)(1) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1132 (e)(1).

3. The Lauriat's, Incorporated Retirement Plan and Trust ("the Plan") is an employee benefit plan within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1002(3). The Plan was sponsored by Lauriat's, Incorporated, an employer that employed employees covered by the Plan.

4. Venue for this action lies in the District of Massachusetts where the Plan was administered, pursuant to Section (e)(2) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1132 (e)(2).

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

5. Lauriat's, Incorporated ("Lauriat's") was the Plan Administrator of the Plan under the Plan documents.

6. In 1998 Lauriat's, Incorporated filed for bankruptcy and its assets were liquidated. The bankruptcy proceeding was dismissed in January, 2002. Lauriat's has been completely defunct since that time.

7. As Plan Administrator, Lauriat's, Inc. had a duty to take steps to ensure the continuing prudent administration of the Plan.

8. Subsequent to the bankruptcy, to the best of the Secretary's knowledge and belief, at no time did Lauriat's appoint a fiduciary to replace it as Plan Administrator. Further, no individual or entity has taken fiduciary responsibility for the operation and administration of the Plan and its assets.

9. To the best of the Secretary's knowledge and belief the assets of the Plan are being held by State Street Bank where said assets totaling over \$125,000.00 are invested in a variety of mutual funds.

10. Since Lauriat's became defunct and abandoned its fiduciary role as Plan Administrator, participants and beneficiaries of the Plan have not been able to gain access to or information about their individual account balances, not have they been able to receive distributions of their account balances.

11. To the best of the Secretary's knowledge the Plan has not been terminated.

12. Because of the facts and circumstances set forth in Paragraphs Nos. 1-11 above, the Plan presently does not have a named fiduciary or trustee with exclusive authority and discretion to manage and control its operation and administration as required by ERISA § 402(a), 29 U.S.C. § 1102 (a), and ERISA § 403 (a), 20 U.S.C. § 1103 (a), and there is no one other than this Court with the authority to appoint a new fiduciary with such necessary authority.

13. Because of the facts and circumstances set forth in Paragraph Nos. 1-11 above, participants are unable to access their account balances and to obtain their appropriate distributions pursuant to the terms of the Plan, and the Plan's termination cannot be achieved. Moreover, as there presently is no person or entity who has even attempted to act in a fiduciary capacity toward the Plan, there is no prospect for relief for the beneficiaries whose monies are being held by the Plan but who, in the absence of a fiduciary, may not receive distributions of their funds.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to Section 502(a)(5) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1132 (a)(5), Plaintiff prays that the Court:

A. Appoint a successor fiduciary who shall be recommended by the United States Department of Labor to administer the Plan, and effectuate the distribution of Plan assets to the participants and beneficiaries and the Plan's termination.

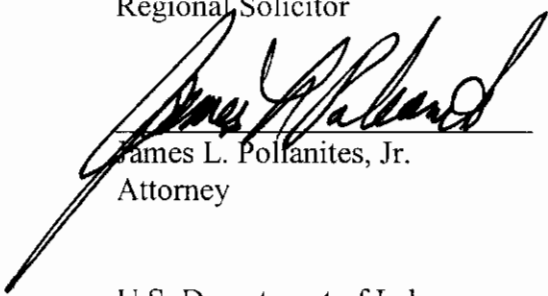
B. Provide such other relief as may be just and equitable.

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DATE: May 23, 2005

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

1. Title of case (name of first party on each side only) Elain Chao, Secretary of Labor v. Lauriat's, Incorporated Retirement Plan and Trust

2. Category in which the case belongs based upon the numbered nature of suit code listed on the civil cover sheet. (See local rule 40.1(a)(1)).

- I. 160, 410, 470, 535, R.23, REGARDLESS OF NATURE OF SUIT.
- ☒ II. 195, 196, 368, 400, 440, 441-446, 540, 550, 555, 625, 710, 720, 730, *Also complete AO 120 or AO 121 for patent, trademark or copyright cases
740, 790, 791, 820*, 830*, 840*, 850, 890, 892-894, 895, 950.
- III. 110, 120, 130, 140, 151, 190, 210, 230, 240, 245, 290, 310, 315, 320, 330, 340, 345, 350, 355, 360, 362, 365, 370, 371, 380, 385, 450, 891.
- IV. 220, 422, 423, 430, 460, 480, 490, 510, 530, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 690, 810, 861-865, 870, 871, 875, 900.
- V. 150, 152, 153.

3. Title and number, if any, of related cases. (See local rule 40.1(g)). If more than one prior related case has been filed in this district please indicate the title and number of the first filed case in this court.

N/A

4. Has a prior action between the same parties and based on the same claim ever been filed in this court?

YES ☐ NO ☒

5. Does the complaint in this case question the constitutionality of an act of congress affecting the public interest? (See 28 USC §2403)

YES ☐ NO ☒

If so, is the U.S.A. or an officer, agent or employee of the U.S. a party?

YES ☐ NO ☐

6. Is this case required to be heard and determined by a district court of three judges pursuant to title 28 USC §2284?

YES ☐ NO ☒

7. Do all of the parties in this action, excluding governmental agencies of the united states and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("governmental agencies"), residing in Massachusetts reside in the same division? - (See Local Rule 40.1(d)).

YES ☒ NO ☐

A. If yes, in which division do all of the non-governmental parties reside?

Eastern Division ☒ Central Division ☐ Western Division ☐

B. If no, in which division do the majority of the plaintiffs or the only parties, excluding governmental agencies, residing in Massachusetts reside?

Eastern Division ☐ Central Division ☐ Western Division ☐

8. If filing a Notice of Removal - are there any motions pending in the state court requiring the attention of this Court? (If yes, submit a separate sheet identifying the motions)

YES ☐ NO ☐

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Elaine Chao, Secretary of Labor,
United States Department of Labor,

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

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DEFENDANTS

Lauriat's, Incorporated Retirement Plan
and Trust

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(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE
LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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| Citizen of This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES	
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V. ORIGIN

(Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding
☐ 2 Removed from State Court
☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify)
☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation
☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

29 U.S.C. Sec. 1001

Brief description of cause:

Complaint for Appointment of Fiduciary

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☐ No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

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SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

Attorney James L. Polianites, Jr.

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